are extremely well inspected, and extremely under great scrutiny, and they...they do not get by with problems either of the environment or public health. I would urge that you support this amendment. We'll try it again. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The question before the body is the adoption of the Dierks amendment. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record vote has been asked for. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1724 of the Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 15 nays on the amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The Dierks amendment is not adopted. Do you have anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Enrollment and Review reports LB 1174, (LB) 1174A, (LB) 1354, (LB) 1354A to Select File. Two Education Committee confirmation reports by Senator Bohlke, as Chair of the committee; and I have amendments to be printed to (LB) 1028 by Senator Chambers. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1724-30 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Do we have anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir, we do. Next amendment by Senator Schrock, AM4436. (See page 1730 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Schrock, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've introduced this amendment. And what the amendment does, it decreases the permit fees, cuts them in half starting January 1st, the year 2001. To me this is not a deal-breaker, and it's something I can live without. And I'm going to assume that Senator Beutler is going to oppose this amendment. But I will tell you why I have offered it. We now know that DEQ has a tremendous backlog of permits. I would assume, come January 1st, the year 2001, they will have their backlog cleaned up and their house will be in order; I don't believe it is now. My concern is not so much to reduce the fees, because I think